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## NOTE

SEE 865d.01/91 FOR Tel. #188, 6 pm

FROM Italy ( Kirk ) DATED June 2, 1936  
TO NAME 1-1127 \*\*\*

**REGARDING:** Announcement by the press of the appointment through Royal decrees of five generals as governors of the various East African territories and of a regent of the Government general.

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ROME

Dated June 2, 1936

Received 5:15 p.m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington

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188, June 2, 6 p.m.

My 184, June 1, 4 p.m.

The press today announces the appointment through royal decrees now in course of completion of five generals as governors of the various East African territories and of Graziani as regent of the government general.

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The newspapers in commenting on the June first law specify that the appointment of army men to these positions does not detract from the civil nature of the administration; the governor of each colony is a purely civilian functionary under the law although he also has jurisdiction over the military command of his territory. Aside from the fact that the military status of the present governors refers to their persons and not their office it is noted that these appointments are temporary and are intended to prevent any dualism of military and civil administration so long as large troop contingents and their respective high commands remain in East Africa. Later on the governorships will be filled by colonial office appointees and the army will be reduced to the minimum indispensable for the maintenance of public order.

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### NOTE

SEE 865d.01/98 FOR #1693

FROM Italy ( Kirk ) DATED May 21, 1936  
TO NAME 1-1127 e.p.s

REGARDING: Procedure followed in appointment of Marshall Badoglio as Governor General of Ethiopia under decree-law which calls for legislative action does not constitute a precedent for future appointments but represents only a provision for the initial period of transition.

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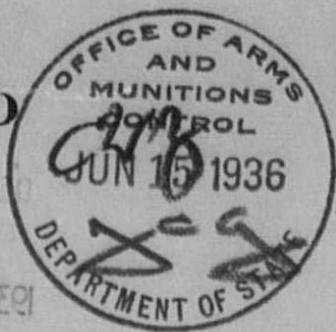
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JUN 11 1936

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Secretary of State,  
Washington

204, June 11, 6 p.m.

Resignation of Badoglio as Viceroy of Ethiopia  
and appointment of Graziani in his place announced  
officially this afternoon.



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SEE 865d.01/107 FOR #1710

FROM Italy ( Kirk ) DATED May 29, 1936  
TO NAME 1-1127 820

### REGARDING:

Administration. Governor General, Viceroy of Ethiopia has as reported last week, returned to Italy "on leave". Generally assumed he will not return, but no announcement to that effect has yet been made.

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Administration.

The Governor General, Viceroy of Ethiopia, has, as reported last week, returned to Italy "on leave". It is, however, generally assumed that he will not return, but no announcement to

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that effect has yet been made nor is the position of Marshall Graziani, who is meanwhile in charge of affairs in East Africa, made clear, although he is frequently now referred to by correspondents as "Governor General Graziani." There are indications, however, that he may continue in charge indefinitely, as the second appointment below listed bears out:

Governor of Eritrea, Tigrai, Danakil, and Aussa:

General Guzzoni (last fall appointed Vice Governor of Eritrea) has, according to a communiqué published here on May 26th, been placed in charge of the territory comprising the above regions, and all military forces in that territory have been placed under his orders. Guzzoni was reported on May 26th to have flown to Addis Ababa to confer with Graziani.

Governor of Somaliland.

General Santini. Until May 24th this title was held by Marshall Graziani. The new appointment would therefore indicate that Graziani is not returning to Mogadiscio. Santini left Addis Ababa a few days ago by plane for Modagiscio.

Vice Governor of Somaliland: De Rubeis.

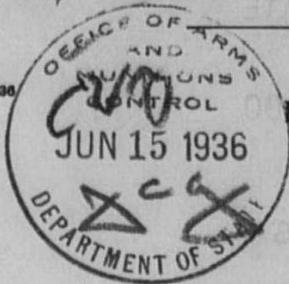
It is not stated whether the grouping of Eritrea and the four new provinces is a permanent arrangement or not.

The Civil Governor of Addis Ababa (Bottai, who is also Governor of Rome) and Vice Governor Alessandrini departed along with Marshall Badoglio for Italy, where they will arrive early next week. No announcement has been made of any appointees to succeed or represent them in Addis Ababa, although the "Office of the Civil Governor" continues to be referred to in news despatches from the Ethiopian capital.

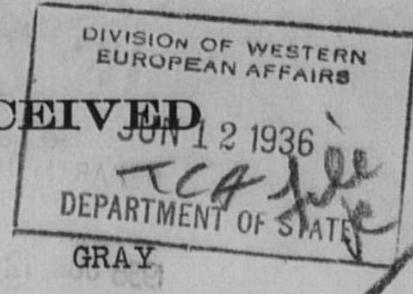
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Secretary of State,  
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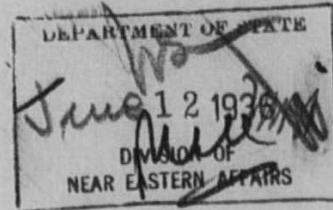
205, June 12, noon.

My 204, June 11, 6 p. m. | 3

The press points out that Badoglio asked to be relieved of his duties as Viceroy to devote himself exclusively to the direction of the General Staff at home and says that this work upon which the defense and prestige of the country so largely depend suffices to absorb all the time and strength of any one man especially at a delicate complicated moment like the present when not only is there a large contingent of troops overseas but the military establishment at home is being perfected and given a highly modern and powerful structure. This changing of the guard, the TRIBUNA says, is a promise and a warning that Italy will consistently defend her rights with the force of her faith and arms.

In addition to the announcement that the King has named Badoglio Duke of Addis Ababa, the press carried a

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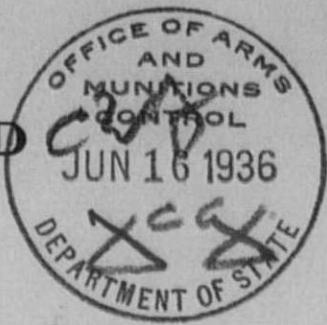
2-No. 205, June 12, noon from Rome

detailed description of the ceremony yesterday morning during which Badoglio was given the Badge of the Fascist Party but as yet there is no comment on this matter.

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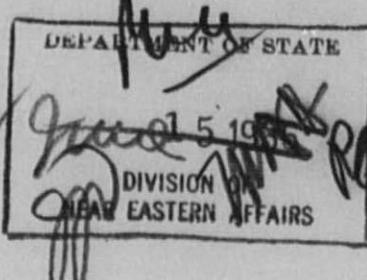
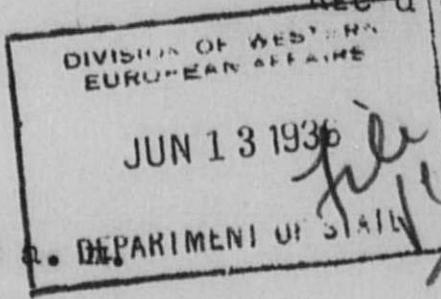
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Dated June 13, 1936

Ree'd 6:04 a. m.

Secretary of State,  
Washington.

207, June 13, 9 a. m. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
My 205, June 12, noon.



With regard to Badoglio's resumption of his full duties in the General Staff, the authoritative GAZETTA DEL POPOLO discounts the possibility of war in the near future but says that in view of the general situation precautions must be taken against any possible contingency. Italy wants and needs peace but in a provident country which desires not to be taken by surprise a chief of General Staff has every good reason to devote himself to his job.

Certain afternoon papers interpret the conferring of the title Duke of Addis Ababa and of party membership on Badoglio as symbolic of the spiritual unity of the country.

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SEE 865d.01/119 FOR #1733FROM Italy ( Kirk ) DATED June 10, 1936  
TO NAME 1-1127 esp

REGARDING: Italian law of June 1st provides for a Vice-Governor General, however no appointment to this position has yet been made. Marshal Graziani has been appointed Regent of the Government and military and civil offices in Addis Ababa are to report daily to him on their activities.

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### NOTE

SEE 865d.01/132 FOR despatch #1743

FROM Italy ( Kirk ) DATED June 17, 1936  
TO NAME 1-1127 ...

REGARDING: Italian East Africa: Law on the organization and administration  
of-.

To be governed and represented by a Governor General with  
title of Viceroy of Ethiopia. Is subordinate solely and  
directly to Minister for Colonies and is the Supreme Head  
of the Administration of Italian East Africa

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## NOTE

SEE 865d.01/142 FOR Despatch #1756

FROM Italy ( Kirk ) DATED June 26, 1936  
TO NAME 1-1127 ...

REGARDING: Government- Italian East Africa. Appointment of Marshal Graziani as Viceroy of Ethiopia. Quotes communique issued regarding substitution of Bagdoglio by Marshal Graziani.

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ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT GENERAL.

Appointment of Marshal Graziani as Viceroy.

On the afternoon of June 11th the following communique was issued regarding the substitution of Badoglio by Marshal Graziani as Viceroy of Ethiopia (\*):

"The Duce has received Marshal Badoglio, who reported to him in detail on his work as Viceroy and on certain questions concerning the development of the Empire.

"Marshal Badoglio begged the Duce to relieve him of the position of Viceroy of Ethiopia so that he might resume without delay his activity as Chief of the General Staff.

"The Duce consented and informed Marshal Badoglio that His Majesty the King and Emperor had under motu proprio named him Duke of Addis Ababa.

"His Majesty the King and Emperor, on the recommendation of the Chief of Government, has appointed Marshal Graziani Viceroy of Ethiopia."

The press has paid the highest tribute to Marshal Badoglio for his work in East Africa and drawn attention to the fact that his duties as Chief of the General Staff (which he had never relinquished even while in Ethiopia) demanded his full attention, especially in view of the present situation, when not only was there a large army overseas but the military establishment at home was being brought to maximum efficiency (\*\*).

Graziani's appointment as Viceroy meets with unanimous approval by press and public as he is considered the one man for the position in view of his long colonial experience and ability; more fitted for the work, indeed, than Marshal Badoglio could possibly have been. His work in Cyrenaica is recalled, particularly his occupation of the Cufra Oasis, and at the same time the public is keenly aware of his merits in

(\*) My telegram No. 204 of June 11th.

(\*\*) My telegrams Nos. 205 of June 12th and 207 of June 13th.

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in the extremely difficult Somali sector during the Ethiopian war, and while the masses were disappointed at the fact that after Neghelli no spectacular victory crowned Graziani's army, this in no way diminished their enthusiasm and admiration for him.

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## **NOTE**

SEE 765.84/4939 FOR Telegram #496, 11 am.

FROM Ethiopia ( Engert ) DATED July 28, 1936.  
TO NAME 1-1127 e.p.s

REGARDING: Attempt on the life of Marshal Graziani on the road between town and the Italian Legation. Has moved into the palace formerly occupied by the Emperor.

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This telegram must be  
closely paraphrased be-  
fore being communicated  
to anyone. (A)

Addis Ababa

Dated July 28, 1936

Rec'd 7:40 a. m. August 1st

Secretary of State,

Washington.

496, July 28, 11 a. m.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Following developments have occurred since my 479,  
July 18, 4 p. m.

One. Marshal Graziani informed me confidentially  
July 25th he had discovered that an attempt on his life  
was being planned on the road between town and the Italian  
Legation where his headquarters were. He has there-  
fore moved to the new palace where the Emperor used to  
live and where most of the Italian authorities now have  
their offices.

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Two. On or about July 24th the Italian Garrison at  
Mojo (SEE my 459, July 8, 11 a. m. ) was attacked by a  
relatively large Abyssinian force which was repulsed only  
after serious fighting. Trains continue to run.

Three. Heavy Italian bombing planes have for the past  
six weeks not been able to take off or land on the  
Addis Ababa flying field because of the wet ground. The

Marshal

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FS        2-No. 496, July 28 from Addis Ababa

Marshal is therefore (?) bombers based on Diredawa which on July 26th bombed Abyssinian forces a short distance west of this city and July 27 to the east. Both times explosions of bombs were clearly audible here.

Four. Italians are again showing signs of nervousness but are now believed to have two divisions in and around Addis Ababa. Rumors continue to be current that the city will shortly be attacked. Much rifle and machine gun fire could be heard near here this morning between 8 and 10.

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SEE 865d.01/157 FOR Despatch #1797

FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED July 22, 1936.  
TO NAME 1-1127 \*\*\*

REGARDING: Appointment of Dr. Arnaldo Pedretti as Vice Governor General of Italian East Africa, and Signor Alfredo Siniscalchi as Civil Governor of Addis Ababa. Both have arrived in Addis Ababa.

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LEGATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

July 8, 1936.

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No. 156.

Subject: Appointment of a Civil Governor of Addis Ababa.

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SEP 15 1936

DIVISION OF  
NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to report the appointment of Dr. Alfredo Siniscalchi as Civil Governor of Addis Ababa.

Dr. Siniscalchi is the fourth incumbent of the office of Civil Governor since May 5, 1936, the Italian authorities apparently experiencing difficulty in finding a suitable candidate. The first was Major Bottai,

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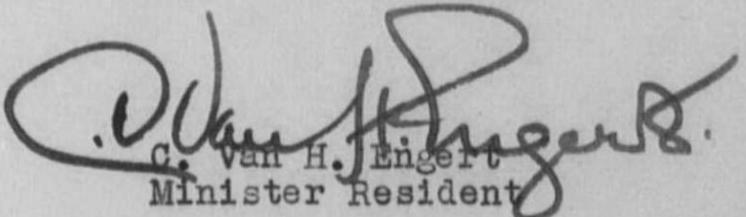
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but he left with Marshal Badoglio on May 21st. He was succeeded by Dr. Moreno, a former Attaché of the Italian Legation here, who only a few weeks later was in turn succeeded by Signor Avolio. When the latter was shortly afterwards made Director of Civil and Political Affairs his place was taken by the present appointee.

Dr. Siniscalchi is a colonial official of considerable experience, having served in Tripolitania and Cirenaica - e.g. as Mayor of Bengazi - where he had gained the confidence of Marshal Graziani. For a brief period he acted as the Marshal's Chief of Cabinet in Addis Ababa with the rank of Brigadier General.

Respectfully yours,

  
C. Van H. Engert  
Minister Resident

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## NOTE

SEE 701.5171/6 FOR Tel. #14 6pm

FROM Rumania ( Harrison ) DATED July 14, 1937  
TO NAME 1-1127 GPO

REGARDING: Recognition of the Italian Empire by Rumania might influence decision of the Italian Government to raise its Legation in Rumania to status of Embassy.

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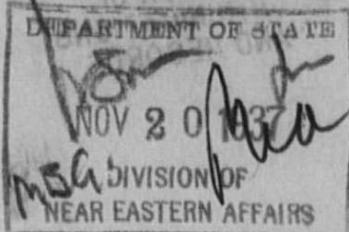
Dated November 20, 1937

REC'D 8:35 a.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

482, November 20, noon.



It is probable that the appointment of the Duke of Aosta as Viceroy of Ethiopia will be officially announced tomorrow though rumors of this appointment have been appearing in the foreign press for some time. I understand that Graziani, who has never fully recovered from his wounds resulting from the attempted assassination, will head a new section in the Accademia d' Italia dedicated to the art of war. (END GRAY) The appointment of a member of the Royal Family as Viceroy in the place of a military officer is no doubt intended as a peaceful gesture and as a means of gaining international support for the new empire. The Department is fully aware of the outstanding qualities of the Duke and of his popularity throughout Italy.

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## NOTE

SEE 865.00/1757 FOR #666

FROM Italy ( Phillips ) DATED Nov. 26, 1937  
TO NAME 1-1137 GPO

REGARDING: Prince Amadeo Humbert of Savoy-Aosta  
appointed Viceroy of Italian Africa.

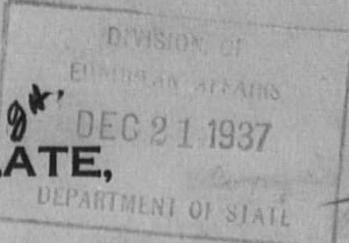
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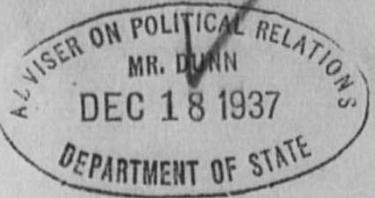
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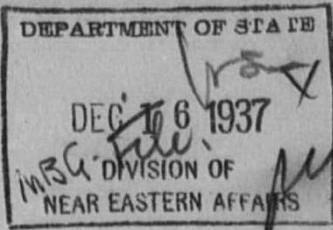


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Milan, Italy November 27, 1937  
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SUBJECT: Why General Graziani Resigned as  
Vice Roy of Abyssinia.  
1-1085 GPO

THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON.

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SIR:

ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
OF STATE

Tell  
Dec 23 1937

I have the honor to report, in connection with  
the recent resignation of General Graziani as Vice-Roy  
of Abyssinia, the following details heard here:

General Graziani assumed his functions as Vice-Roy with the expectation of being given "carte blanche" in the administration of the new "Empire" which was by him considered essential to a successful administration of a country still in the state of semi barbarism. In this, however, he met with unsurmountable obstacles in Rome, where influential business elements had the ear of On. Lessona at the Colonial Ministry. These elements, one hears, began the systematic exploitation of the "Empire" and through 4 or 5 companies and high handed means had soon appropriated to themselves practically all the best land and business opportunities there. Monopolies were created and rights preempted which left nothing for the many new comers without capital or

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influential friends at Rome. The situation at Addis Ababa, according to my informants became so tense at times that some of the men sent from Rome were ordered out of the country by the Vice-Roy, whose differences with the Colonial Ministry were climaxed by a speech of October 28th in which General Graziani, is creditated with a declaration to the effect that he was "tired" of the entire situation and something would have to be done about it.

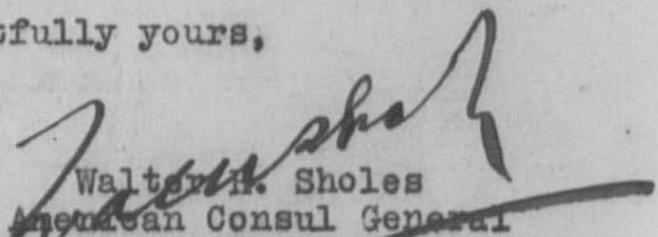
General Graziani's health, I am told, continues to be the source of uneasiness to his friends. He still carries in his body steel splinters, the result of the bomb outrage.

Fears are also expressed for the health of the newly appointed Vice Roy, Duke d'Aosta, whose lungs, it is said, are not strong and who was forced to enter a Sanatorium after his last sojourn in Abyssinia.

In these circumstances, the Duke's present appointment and sojourn in Abyssinia may be of a temporary character and conditioned entirely upon his health.

As regards the monopolistic nature of the regime in Abyssinia, as tolerated by the former Ministry of Colonies, attention is respectfully invited to my despatch No. 103, dated September 11, 1937, in which reference was made to the Pirelli interests forcing a monopoly upon American and other telephone groups now working in the new "Empire".

Respectfully yours,

  
Walter H. Sholes  
American Consul General

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THE AMERICAN EMBASSY  
Rome, Italy.

ITALY (POLITICAL)

Subject : Relationship between Mother country and its Dependencies.

New Viceroy for Ethiopia.



Prince Amedeo of Savoy Duke of Aosta has recently been appointed new Viceroy of Ethiopia to relieve Marshal Graziani.

Marshal Graziani will return to Italy when relieved by the Duke of Aosta. Although the press was silent on the reasons for his relief, it is generally known in Rome that Marshal Graziani has been in poor health as a result of wounds he received in a bombing incident at a public ceremony in Addis Abeba several months ago. Mussolini has sent Graziani an autographed letter expressing the gratitude of the nation "for his work accomplished in peace and war toward the conquest and pacification of the Empire".

The Duke of Aosta will reach Addis Abeba in the month of December. His appointment to the post of Viceroy of Ethiopia is generally judged as a particularly happy choice, both because of his experience in Africa and for his personal qualities and popularity. At Italy's entrance in the World War, Prince Amedeo, then seventeen, volunteered for service and was enrolled with a Horse Artillery regiment as a corporal. He was a non-commissioned officer with the 34th Artillery and fought in the trenches for a considerable time, winning a bronze medal. Promoted 1st lieutenant in permanent active service in 1916 and captain in 1917 for war merit. In 1918 served with the General Headquarters of the Artillery, but returned to the trenches to take part in the battle of the Piave.

After the war, he went to Somaliland with the Duke of Abruzzi and took part in the expedition to determine the course of the Webi Schibeli. He later went to the Belgian Congo in the employ of a well-known English soap company, where he did so well that after thirteen months he was appointed assistant director. In 1928, the duke returned to Africa in his capacity of lieutenant colonel of artillery and was given command of a remote district in Syrtica. He was promoted to group inspector and took part with Graziani in the operations which restored Italian control over the tribes of this colony. He joined the air service and became known as a skillful and courageous pilot. He is now general in command of the First Aerial Division, stationed at Gorizia. He recently was decorated for dragging a pilot out of a wreckage of a burning plane at great personal risk.

With his wide experience in military affairs and his cosmopolitan training - he received part of his education in England and speaks English, French, German, Spanish, Arabic and several local African dialects - the Duke of Aosta is regarded as the ideal administrator of an extensive newly conquered and pacified country which now needs civil as well as military talents at its head.

The appointment also places the new Empire on a higher level as far as prestige is concerned by bringing to the office of Viceroy the most eminent member of the royal house outside of the King's immediate family.

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American Embassy  
ROME, ITALY

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COMMENT :

There have been rumors for some time that Marshal Grasiani would be relieved from his position as Viceroy of Ethiopia due to ill health. It has also been voiced by persons in a position to know that his handling of the natives has been considered unduly severe and that his replacement by some one with less "hard boiled" military attributes was advisable. It has also been rumored that the post was offered to Marshal Balbo who declined it.

G. H. PAYNE,  
Colonel, U.S.A., U.S.A.,  
Military Attaché.

*F.H.*

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**DIVISION OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS**

January 3, 1937

PM.

Marshal Graziani, retiring  
Viceroy of Ethiopia, has been  
given the hereditary title of

Marquis of Neghelli.

Neghelli is one of the  
provincial centers of Ethiopia.

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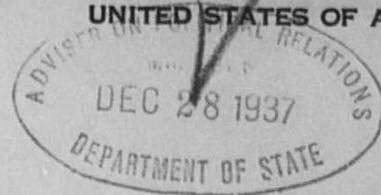
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ROME, December 10, 1937.

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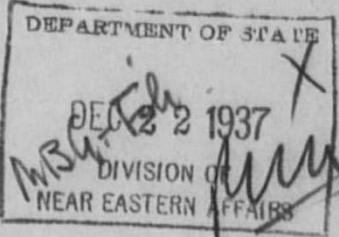
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Sir:

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Referring to my telegram No. 482 of November 20, noon, concerning the appointment of the Duke of Aosta as Viceroy of Italian East Africa, I have the honor to report that the press on December 7, 1937, announced the following additional appointments:

Dr. Enrico Cerulli, at present Director of Political Affairs in the Ministry of Italian Africa, to be Vice Governor General of Italian East Africa.

Dr. Francesco Saverio Caroselli, at present Director General for East Africa in the same Ministry, to be Governor

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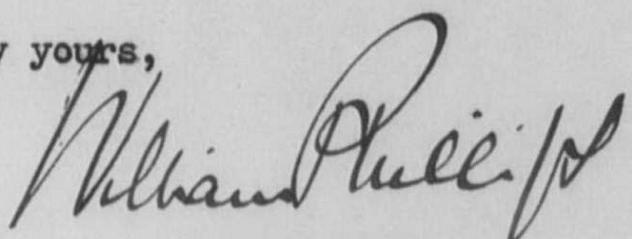
of Somaliland.

Dr. Giuseppe Daodiace, at present Prefect of Bengasi, to be Governor of Eritrea.

All of the above named are career officers in the Italian Colonial Service and have had wide experience both in the field and in the colonial department of the Italian Government. Editorial comments stress their qualifications for these appointments and describe as proper and logical the decision of the Government, now that the war period is past, to place the administration of the East African colonies in the hands of trained civilian officials. It is perhaps noteworthy, however, that no such similar considerations appear to have affected the administrative situation in Libya, where Marshal Italo Balbo continues as Governor General.

It has also been announced that the King has conferred on Marshal Graziani, retiring Viceroy of Ethiopia, the hereditary title of Marquis of Neghelli.

Respectfully yours,



William Phillips.

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## NOTE

**SEE** 865d.00/26 **FOR** #108

**FROM** Aden **( Chiperfield ) DATED** Dec. 13, 1937  
**TO** NAME 1-1127 GPO

**REGARDING:** Marshall Graziani.

Report that - will not leave Ethiopia upon arrival of the Duke of Aosta but will remain as Commanding General.

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FROM Italy ( Phillips ) DATED June 3, 1938.  
TO NAME 1-1127 GPO

REGARDING: Roberto Farinacci, editor of the REGIME FASCISTA given ministerial rank. This presages his reappointment as Fascist Party Secretary in the place of Starace, who is said to be slated for the post of Governor General of Libya to replace Marshal Balbo.

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Official announcement has been made of the appointment of General of Division Gazzoni as Governor of Eritrea and Army General Santini as Governor of SOMALILAND.

General Gazzoni was formerly Vice-Governor of Eritrea.

General Santini takes the place of Marshal Graziani, who is now Regent of Ethiopia.

The governors of Eritrea and Somaliland are subordinate to Marshal Graziani as the Italian East African colonies as well as the occupied territory of Ethiopia are still entirely under military government.

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